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THE SIREN NEWSLETTER



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Community and Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Meeting Schedule McLean District Station

1437 Balls Hill Road

The third Thursday every month at 7 p.m. to coincide with the Station Citizen Advisory Council meetings.

James Lee Community Center (See signage for room)

2855-A Annandale Road

May 21, 2008 at 7 p.m.

Aug 27, 2008, at 7 p.m.

Citizen Advisory Council (CAC)

CAC meets the third Thursday every month at 7 p.m. Meeting locations change and are announced at each meeting. For the next meeting location, please contact the station at 703-556-7750.

Child Safety Seat Inspections

The McLean Station does child seat inspections by appointment only, please call 703-556-7750 ext. 5417 for your appointment. You may also call the Fairfax County Police Child Seat Hotline at 703-280-0559 to find out locations of public child seat inspection events.

DWI Directed Patrol Results In Mclean Police District

Fairfax County Police officers from around the county conducted DWI directed patrols to deter and apprehend intoxicated drivers on Friday, March 7 from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. Saturday. Motorists stopped for suspicion of driving while intoxicated were checked to assure that their abilities to drive had not been impaired by alcohol or drugs. Approximately 51 motorists were stopped. There were no arrests made for DWI. Two summonses were issued for driving on a suspended operator's license. Nineteen additional summonses were issued for miscellaneous traffic offenses.

Eight officers and one auxiliary police officer participated in the checkpoint.

Farewell from Captain Graham McGowan

Dear Neighborhood Watch & Homeowner Associations:

The season has changed and so has the command of the McLean District Station. April 3, 2008 marked my four year anniversary as the Commander of the station.

Effective April 14, 2008 Captain Stephen Thompson will become the new station Commander.

In my four year tenure we as a group were able to address a number of issues and concerns within your respective communities. Having said this, I recognize there is still a great deal of work requiring a continued partnership. It has been my distinct pleasure meeting the many caring, involved and committed community members. Whether a National Night Out, HOA meeting or a Neighborhood Watch event your involvement has been outstanding. We have built a solid foundation which I am confident will continue to grow with the new commander. I look forward to hearing about future successes and accomplishments in your communities as you continue to partner with the McLean District Station.

The officers of the McLean District Station are among the best. I am moving on knowing you will all be well cared for by committed and concerned professionals. As a community and as a commander I have seen the benefit of our officers' hard work and pride in their profession.

My new assignment is a Duty Officer position in our Patrol Division. This is a great position and provides an opportunity to travel throughout the entire County and interact with officers and supervisors from each of our eight district stations. I look forward to this assignment as it brings me closer to what brought me to this profession 24 years ago.

I would be remiss if I did not thank my two Crime Prevention Officers; MPO Tom Black and MPO Patrick Lucas for their support and community outreach these past several years. Great job guys!

It has been an extreme pleasure and honor to work for you these past four years. I wish you well in the coming years.

Best regards,
Captain Graham McGowan
Commander, McLean District Station

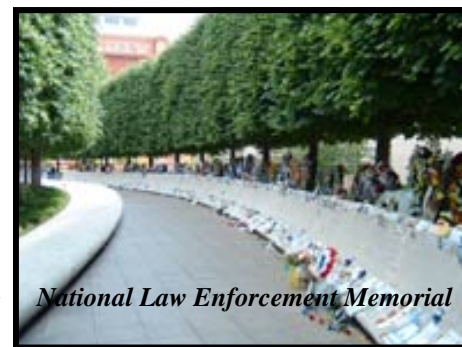


Police Week Activities

Police Week is May 12—16 and will be observed nationwide. Several events are planned in the DC area to celebrate this time of honor and remembrance. These memorial services, candlelight vigils, and fundraising competitions are detailed at the web-site www.policeweek.org/schedule.html and in links from that page.

Please support current and fallen police officers through your participation.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as "Police Week". Every year since, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, DC to participate in a number of planned events which honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.



National Law Enforcement Memorial

Law Enforcement Facts

- * There are more than 900,000 sworn law enforcement officers now serving in the United States, which is the highest figure ever. 12 percent of those are female.
- * In 2005, there were an estimated 5.2 million violent crimes committed in the United States (according to the National Crime Victimization Survey conducted by the Bureau of Justice Statistics). The annual number of violent crimes has declined by 58% since 1993.
- * Crime fighting has taken its toll. Since the first recorded police death in 1792, there have been more than 18,200 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. Currently, there are 18,274 names engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.
- * A total of 1,671 law enforcement officers died in the line of duty during the past 10 years, an average of one death every 53 hours or 167 per year. There were 181 law enforcement officers killed in 2007.
- * On average, more than 56,000 law enforcement officers are assaulted each year, resulting in over 16,000 injuries.

- * The 1970s were the deadliest decade in law enforcement history, when a total of 2,276 officers died, or an average of 228 each year. The deadliest year in law enforcement history was 1930, when 279 officers were killed. That figure dropped dramatically in the 1990s, to an average of 160 per year.
- * The deadliest day in law enforcement history was September 11, 2001, when 72 officers were killed while responding to the terrorist attacks on America.
- * New York City has lost more officers in the line of duty than any other department, with 692 deaths. California has lost 1,435 officers, more than any other state. The state with the fewest deaths is Vermont, with 19.
- * There are 951 federal officers listed on the Memorial, as well as 527 correctional officers and 36 military law enforcement officers.
- * There are 223 female officers listed on the Memorial, nine of whom were killed prior to 1970.
- * During the past ten years, more officers were killed feloniously on Friday than any other day of the week. The fewest number of felonious fatalities occurred on Sunday. Over the past decade, more officers were killed between 8:01 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. than during any other two-hour period.

(As of March 2008)

The Police Got Your Help...Thank you!

Suspects Charged in Malicious Wounding Case
(Case # 1251)

Information received through Crime Solvers aided police in charging three teenage boys for a Christmas Eve beating. Investigators followed up on numerous tips they received from the community. Two of those tips provided valuable information that led detectives to the teens.

Petitions have been served on the boys. A 15-year-old McLean-area boy, a 16-year-old McLean-area boy and a 16-year-old Falls Church-area boy are each charged with one count of malicious wounding. Further charges are possible.



NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME ALERT

Each year, there are more than five million home burglaries in the United States. Nine out of ten of these are preventable. The majority of burglaries occur during the daytime when most people are away at work or school and most are crimes of opportunity. Criminals prefer to break into homes that are easily accessible and stay away from homes that have more secure prevention measures in place. Most burglars give up and move on if they cannot gain access in a few minutes. There are many things you can do, both individually and in conjunction with your neighbors, to lower the risk of your home being burglarized. If you need more assistance, please contact your local district police station to schedule a free home security check.

Buglary Prevention Tips

1. Lock all your doors.
2. Lock all your windows and patio doors.
3. Be sure your valuables are not visible from outside.
4. Illuminate your property.
5. Keep shrubbery around your residence trimmed and low.
6. Be aware of unfamiliar persons loitering in the neighborhood.
7. Consider placing your lights and TV's on timers.
8. Consider placing alarm monitoring signs in your windows.
9. Have a trusted neighbor check on your home when away on vacation.
10. Make your residence look occupied.
11. Immediately report crimes or suspicious activities.



**OUTDOOR
LIGHTS**



**To Report Crime call: 911 (Emergency)
703-691-2131 (Non-Emergency)**



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